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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1712

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants present this Preliminary Amendment in this divisional application for entry and consideration. An Office Action, Paper No. 17, dated March 13, 2001 was issued in the prosecution of the parent application, U.S. application No. 09/160,000, filed Sep. 24, 1998. The parent application is co-pending as of the date of this submission and no petition for an extension of time is required to make the parent co-pending.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2 (after the title), add the following new paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. application No. 09/160,000, filed Sep. 24, 1998.--

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